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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: ALL-CARGO PROBLEM

REFS: (A) STATE 10792; (B) ROME 234

- 1. IN LIGHT OF CONSULTATIONS OUTCOME ON ALL-CARGO FLIGHTS AND ITALIAN READINESS TO ENFORCE ITS POSITION THAT ONE-WAY FLIGHTS CANNOT BE OPERATED (PARA 8, REF A) EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON HOW GOI REFUSALS TO ALLOW SUCH FLIGHTS TO CONTINUE SHOULD BE HANDLED.
- 2. EMBASSY REMAINS OF OPINION (EXPRESSED REF B) THAT REFILING TO EXCLUDE INFORMATION ON INCOMING FERRY FLIGHTS WILL NOT BE A REMEDY. THE OPTIONS NOW APPEAR TO BE: (A) ADOPT THE SUBTERFUGE, DESCRIBED PARA 2 OF REF A, OF FILING IN BOTH DIRECTIONS, WHICH ITALIAN DEL INDICATED IT COULD ACCEPT, (B) RETALIATE; (C) TAKE ISSUE TO ARBITRATION; OR (D) CEASE PAA AND TWA ALL-CARGO OPERATIONS.
- 3. OF THESE, OPTION (A) APPEARS TO BE PREFERABLE AT LEAST AS INITIAL RESPONSE. IF IT PROVES SUCCESSFUL IN MEETING PROBLEM, ALL WELL AND GOOD. IF NOT, WE CAN CONSIDER APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVE. WHILE PAA AND TWA HAVE INDICATED THEY SEE LITTLE PROSPECT FOR REGULAR EAST-BOUND CARGO TO ITALY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THERE MAY BE ENOUGH CARGO FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF EASTBOUND FLIGHTS. IF NEW FILING IS ESSENTIALLY PRO FORMA EXERCISE, I.E., MEETS FORMAL REQUIREMENTS BUT DOES NOT CORRESPOND TO ACTUALITY IN THAT U.S. AIRLINES FREQUENTLY SUBSTITUTE OTHER FLIGHTS OR FERRY FLIGHTS FOR CANCELLED SCHEDULED FLIGHTS, AS ONE AIRLINE REP SUGGESTED (PARA 4, REF B), GOI CIVAIR AUTHORITIES MAY RAISE OBJECTIONS TO SUCH SUBSTITU-

TIONS AND RE-OPEN THE ISSUE.

4. PANAM OFFICIAL INDICATES THURSDAY (JANUARY 29) LFIGHT PROBABLY WILL NOT BE OPERATED DUE TO LACK OF CARGO.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON HANDLING ALL-CARGO ISSUE. VOLPE

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